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Mr. Todd Bates
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Dear Mr. Bates:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 7, 2002, in which you requested a written confirmation that Virginia State University has never issued an honorary doctorate degree to Mr. Randy White.

I have checked with the University Archivist, Mr. Lucious Edwards, who compiled a listing of all honorary degrees recipients since 1935 to 1998. I have been the coordinator of commencement since 1994 and have updated this listing to the present. Mr. Randy White's name was not listed.

Is it possible that Mr. White received his Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters from Norfolk State College, a division of Virginia State University during the early sixties. It would be most helpful if we knew when Mr. White received this degree. Another suggestion would be to contact Virginia Union University or the University of Virginia.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Fitzgerald
Special Events Coordinator

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cc: Mr. Lucious Edwards